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We indicated to [REDACTED] the desirability of taking another look at the draft paper which he implied might be substantially revised as a result of the Staff's discussions with DIA. He appeared willing to do this.

25X1A9a The next step in the Coordination Staff plan is to solicit from each agency proposed revisions to the Outline and Outline Guide. With these in hand the Staff would collate and submit to USIB for approval. [REDACTED] appeared to be receptive to the idea that the NIS Committee would be the more appropriate body to coordinate any changes in the Outlines, before their consideration by USIB.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] took away with him, for [REDACTED], a revised 25X1A9a evaluation of field responses from Lester's Airgram.

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MEMO FOR THE RECORD:

25X1A9a The DAD/BI (in the absence of the AD) and the SA/AD/BI met with Mr. [REDACTED] at the latter's request to discuss the Coordination Staff's draft paper on the Concept and Management of the NIS Program dated 15 March 1963.

25X1A9a Mr. [REDACTED] said that there has been some apparent shift in DIA's position on the NIS Program which indicated their concern over possible gaps in coverage resulting from any cutback in the program. As a result, it probably would not be until the end of next week before DIA would comment on the draft paper. In this connection, [REDACTED] 25X1A9a suggested that DIA opinions on the extent of necessary NIS coverage ran the gambit from the extreme position of Capt. Styles (now retired) who wanted to eliminate all but the Chapters I.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] affirmed that the Coordination Staff purposely proposed a full-time NIS Committee Chairman. They envisage that this chairman would be appointed by the DCI, and attached to the Office of the DCI, but not necessarily be from the CIA; would be exclusively concerned with the NIS Program; and have his own staff as necessary. The Coordination Staff's reasoning behind such a proposal was to separate the CIA responsibility for production and review from that of overall coordination. While reluctant to spell out further responsibilities of the NIS Committee Chairman, the [REDACTED] staff envisages that he also would concern himself with the production of all basic intelligence and thereby be in a position to reduce duplication in this field.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] believes that allocation of responsibility for production appropriately should fall to USIB, not the NIS Committee. This, he believes, would bring USIB closer to the Program -- a theme often reiterated by [REDACTED]

25X1A9a With regard to cost accounting, [REDACTED] believes that the DCI 25X1A9a would want to know what the NIS is costing the community. He indicated that in many other areas of production the Director is seeking specific cost figures. He appeared aware of some of the difficulties in obtaining such figures and the questionable accuracy with which they would have to be regarded.

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